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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed herewith.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims

Please amend Claim 32, as follows:

32. The method as defined in Claim 31, further comprising:  
coupling a PS<sub>DIS</sub> signal to a second input of the logic circuit so that the power supply is disabled whenever the PS<sub>DIS</sub> signal is asserted.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with the application so as to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter is being added. If there are any issues or questions regarding this preliminary amendment, please call the undersigned at (512) 794-3600.

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Respectfully submitted,



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32. The method as defined in Claim [32]31, further comprising:  
coupling a PS<sub>DIS</sub> signal to a second input of the logic circuit so that the power  
supply is disabled whenever the PS<sub>DIS</sub> signal is asserted.